

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the pending Office Action that claims 11 and 2-7 are allowed, except for minor objections to claim 11. Claim 11 has been amended to overcome the objections stated in the Office Action. The changes to claim 11 are cosmetic and non-narrowing, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto. Claims 11 and 2-7 are deemed to be in allowable condition.

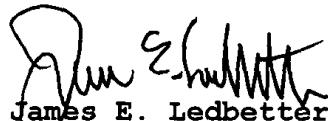
Claims 8 and 10 have been deemed directed to allowable subject matter, but have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. These claims have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 11 to overcome the rejections to claims 8-10 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Each of these amendments is considered non-narrowing, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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